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December 19, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I write in support of a grant request from the California Coastal Trail and Public Access Program for the project *Making Key Trail Connections in the Rose Creek Watershed: Connecting the Upper Watershed to Mission Bay* submitted by San Diego Earthworks on behalf of the Rose Creek Watershed Alliance.

The key trail connections included in the proposal include a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the Rose Canyon railroad tracks under Interstate 5 and State Route 52 and a new 2.83 mile long Class One Trail connecting two existing sections of Class One Trail. These improvements were recommended in the Rose Creek Watershed Opportunities Assessment.

This grant would take the preliminary studies done in the Assessment to the next level in a stakeholder-driven process to develop consensus over the specific locations and/or design of the proposed trail connections. The grant will provide funding for technical studies required to be near or exceed a 30 percent design level for both projects.

Over 100,000 people live or work in the Rose Creek Watershed and millions of people visit Mission Bay Park and its nearby beaches every year. The watershed provides the only direct coastal connection between downtown San Diego, Mission Bay and key employment centers such as the University of California San Diego and Qualcomm. The improvements will move the region many steps closer to the day when more San Diegans can walk or ride their bicycles to Mission Bay or the beaches without crossing a public street, or commute by bicycle to their jobs without worry of conflicts with automobiles or trains.

I appreciate the Conservancy's previous support of the watershed and for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE KEHOE Senator, 39th District



OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

April 27, 2010

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

We are writing as councilmembers representing portions of the Rose Creek Watershed to urge your support of a grant from the California Coastal Trail and Public Access Program for the project entitled Making Key Trail Connections in the Rose Creek Watershed: Connecting the Upper Watershed to Mission Bay. This grant was originally submitted by San Diego Earthworks which has asked that the San Diego Bicycle Coalition now take the lead. We urge your support of this grant to the San Diego Bicycle Coalition.

The key trail connections included in this grant proposal are (1) a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the Rose Canyon railroad tracks under the I-5 and CA-52 freeways and (2) a new 2.83 mile long Class 1 trail connecting two existing sections of class 1 trail. These improvements were recommended in the Rose Creek Watershed Opportunities Assessment. This grant would take the preliminary studies done in the assessment to the next level in a stakeholder-driven process to develop consensus over the specific locations and/or design of the proposed trail connections. The grant will also provide funding for technical studies required to near or exceed a 30% design level for both projects.

Over 100,000 people live or work in the Rose Creek Watershed, and millions of people visit Mission Bay Park and its nearby beaches every year. The watershed provides the only direct coastal connection between downtown San Diego, Mission Bay and key employment centers such as UC San Diego and Qualcomm. The watershed already serves as a bicycle commuting

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corridor on a limited scale. With these proposed improvements, safe and enjoyable non-motorized public access will be enhanced for thousands who cannot or will not navigate the currently disjointed, indirect and in some areas – illegal - paths. The improvements will take us many steps closer to the day when more San Diegans can walk or ride their bikes to the bay or beaches without crossing a public street or commute by bicycle to their jobs without worry of conflicts with automobiles or trains.

We thank the Conservancy for its previous support of the watershed and for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

Donna Frye

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January 13, 2009

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401 B Street, Suite 800 San Diego, CA 92101-4231 (619) 699-1900 Fax (619) 699-1905 www.sandag.org Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

SUBJECT: San Diego Earthworks Rose Creek Grant Application

MEMBER AGENCIES Cities of Carlsbad Chula Vista

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I am writing on behalf of SANDAG, the regional planning agency for San Diego County, to urge your support of a grant from the California Coastal Trail and Public Access Program for the project entitled *Making Key Trail Connections in the Rose Creek Watershed: Connecting the Upper Watershed to Mission Bay.* This grant was submitted by San Diego Earthworks on behalf of the Rose Creek Watershed Alliance.

The key trail connections included in this grant proposal are (1) a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the Rose Canyon railroad tracks under the 5 and 52 freeways; and, (2) a new 2.83 mile long class 1 trail connecting two existing sections of class 1 trail. These improvements were recommended in the Rose Creek Watershed Opportunities Assessment (Assessment). The improved connectivity these projects will provide will help support bicycle and pedestrian travel in the area. Because it helps reduce vehicle miles traveled, and thus greenhouse gas production, encouraging nonmotorized travel is an important objective of our Regional Comprehensive Plan, the Regional Transportation Plan, and the forthcoming Regional Bicycle Plan that SANDAG currently is developing.

This grant would take the preliminary studies done in the Assessment to the next level in a stakeholder-driven process to develop consensus over the specific locations and/or design of the proposed trail connections. The grant will also provide funding for technical studies required to near or exceed a 30 percent design level for both projects.

San Diego Earthworks and the Rose Creek Watershed Alliance have worked closely with SANDAG as planning for recommended improvements in this watershed are advanced. SANDAG previously provided in-kind match support for the hydrology study and looks forward to participating in the development of this project to advance these key bicycle and pedestrian connections.

We thank the Conservancy for its previous support of the watershed and for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

COLEEN CLEMENTSON
Principal Regional Planner

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January 20, 2009

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th floor Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: Your Support of a grant from the California Coastal Trail and Public

Access Program for the project entitled Making Key Trail Connections in the Rose Creek Watershed: Connecting the Upper Watershed to Mission

Bay.

The Rose Creek Watershed Alliance (Alliance) urges your support for this grant to improve bicycle and pedestrian access in the Rose Creek Watershed. Alliance members include public, non-profit and community organizations working to improve the quality of life in the Rose Creek Watershed, which includes most of MCAS Miramar and parts of Clairemont, University City, Pacific Beach and Mission Bay in the City of San Diego.

The key trail connections included in this grant proposal are (1) a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the Rose Canyon railroad tracks under the 5 and 52 freeways and (2) a new 2.83 mile long class 1 trail connecting two existing sections of class 1 trail. These improvements were recommended in the Rose Creek Watershed Opportunities Assessment (Assessment) and support the Regional Bicycle Plan for this area. This grant would take the preliminary studies done in the Assessment to the next level in a stakeholder-driven process to develop consensus over the specific locations and/or design of the proposed trail connections. The grant will also provide funding for technical studies required to near or exceed a 30% design level for both projects.

These trail improvements will enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety and mobility in this 37-square mile watershed. We look forward to implementing these, and other, improvements found in the Assessment. We are very appreciative of the Conservancy's

long-term support of this watershed! More information about the Rose Creek Watershed can be found at <u>www.rosecreekwatershed.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Convener for San Diego Earthworks

Clairemont Community Planning Group

Friends of Rose Creek

Friends of Rose Canyon

Rose Canyon Recreational Council

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April 27, 2010

Douglas Bosco Chairman California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco:

San Diego Earthworks is pleased to urge your Conservancy's support of a grant to the San Diego Bicycle Coalition for the project entitled MAKING KEY TRAIL CONNECTIONS IN THE ROSE CREEK WATERSHED: CONNECTING THE UPPER WATERSHED TO MISSION BAY. This grant was originally submitted by San Diego Earthworks, which has asked that the San Diego Bicycle Coalition now take the lead.

San Diego Earthworks began the sponsorship of the Rose Creek Watershed project with the intent of incubating the participation of others in making improvements to the watershed. We are pleased to see groups in the watershed embrace Rose Creek and step up to implement improvements.

The San Diego Bicycle Coalition will do an excellent job. We have offered to help them, should they need it. We appreciate the Coastal Conservancy's consistent support of this project and appreciate your granting these funds to the San Diego Bicycle Coalition.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions in this regard.

Carolyn Chase

Sincerely,

Carolyn D. Chase

CEO

San Diego Earthworks